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EVENT: Guilty Plea

Defendant: David Miller

**OAK PARK RESIDENT PLEADED GUILTY TO TRYING
TO GET OVER \$200,000 IN FRAUDULENT**

David Miller, 47, of Oak Park Michigan, pleaded guilty to one count of making a false claim for a tax refund announced United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy. Mr. Murphy was joined in the announcement by Maurice M. Aouate, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation. The plea was a result of a March 22, 2005 indictment which charged Miller with 23 counts of making a false claim with the Internal Revenue Service. The plea was entered before United States District Court Judge Julian Abele Cook, Jr. on July 7, 2005.

According to court records, during 2001 through 2003, Miller prepared at least 23 tax returns on his behalf and that of others where he knew that the claimed refund from the Internal Revenue Service were false, fictitious, and fraudulent. On his personal tax return prepared in 2001, Miller created fictitious federal withholding of over \$11,000, netting him an approximately \$8,400 refund from the Internal Revenue Service. The claims from the 23 tax returns exceeded \$218,000 in fraudulent refunds.

U.S. Attorney Murphy stated, "We take tax fraud extremely seriously in this district. This prosecution demonstrates my office's continuing efforts to enforce tax laws that were set up for the good of all and to deter those who would subvert them."

Mr. Aouate stated, "IRS Criminal Investigation focuses on protecting revenue by identifying, investigating and prosecuting abusive return preparers. When the IRS detects false returns, not only can the return preparer find themselves subject to criminal prosecutions, but the taxpayers can also be exposed to criminal actions, along with the responsibility to pay additional taxes, with interest and penalties."

Miller's sentencing date is scheduled for November 15, 2005 at 2:00 pm.

Mr. Murphy commended the special agents of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Jeanine M. Jones prosecuted the case.